

**COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLAND**  
Springfield, Colorado

Order 11-20

**FOREST ORDER****Fire Restrictions**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Comanche National Grassland located in Baca, Otero and Las Animas Counties, in Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "Restricted Area"). The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibits A and B. This order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to fire danger.

**THIS ORDER PROHIBITS:**

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, or a coal or wood-burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a)  
**EXCEPTION:** Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices, providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety are permitted.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR 261.52(d)
3. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)
4. Using explosives requiring fuse blasting caps. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, road building, and wood cutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Resident owners and lessees of land within the restricted area are exempt from Prohibition (1) above, provided such fires are within a residence.
3. For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit: Upon the written approval of the Contracting Officer or Special Use Permit Administrator, internal and external combustion engines may be operated. Contracting Officers and Special Use Permit Administrators will require additional fire precautionary measures such as fire pumps or water tenders when authorizing operations under this section. A patrol is required for one hour following the cessation of all work.
4. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This order supersedes, rescinds and partially replaces order 11-18, issued June 28, 2011 (See Order 11-19 for the San Isabel National Forest.).

This order shall be in effect from the date signed until December 31, 2011, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado, this 15th day of July, 2011.



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